

CJA

Frequently Asked Questions

MWhat is the current pay rate for CJA Attorneys?

The hourly CJA compensation rates are determined by the date and the type of work performed.

CJA Compensation Rates

Dates	In-Court	Out-of-Court
Prior to 01/01/96	\$60.00	\$40.00
From 01/01/96 to 12/31/99	\$65.00	\$45.00
From 01/01/00 to 03/31/01	\$70.00	\$50.00
From 04/01/01 to 04/30/02	\$75.00	\$55.00
Beginning 05/01/02	\$90.00	\$90.00

MHow do I submit claims if service overlaps two pay rate periods ?

We need a separate voucher for services after a change in the rate of pay (i.e., one voucher for services from 4/1/01 - 4/30/02 and another voucher for services beginning 5/1/02– all in the same case).

Make a copy of the voucher you received upon appointment. Then indicate the rates of in- and out-of-court time according to periods of service. Expenses should be associated with the voucher according to the dates of service.

When there is a change in rate of pay and two vouchers are required, both vouchers should be submitted at the change of plea, when the verdict is entered, following sentencing or upon other disposition of the case (not at the time the pay rate changes).

Final vouchers should be submitted no later than 45 days after the final disposition of the case, unless good cause is shown.

MCan I be reimbursed for large expenses prior to the end of the case?

Yes. If expenses, such as copying costs for discovery documents, total between \$300 and \$500, you can submit a CJA 20 form for reimbursement prior to the end of the case. The expense totaling over \$300 can be the only item on the CJA 20 form.

MCan I claim mileage? What is the mileage rate?

You may claim mileage for use of a privately owned automobile.

Mileage Rates

Dates	Rate Per Mile
From 04/01/99 to 01/13/00	\$.31
From 01/14/00 to 01/21/01	\$.325
From 01/22/01 to 01/20/02	\$.345
From 01/21/02 to 12/31/02	\$.365
From 01/01/03 to 12/31/03	\$.36
From 01/01/04	\$.375

MWhere do I claim mileage and parking expenses on the CJA voucher?

Both mileage and parking are to be claimed as travel expenses.

MCan I provide a typed statement for expenses and attach to the CJA 20 voucher?

The Worksheets for In-Court, Out-of-Court, and Other Expenses were designed to standardize itemization and documentation of hourly totals and expenses. The worksheets assist us in processing your voucher for payment efficiently. You may also provide a typed statement of expenses, but it is not necessary. Receipts are required for any expense incurred over \$50. If copies are made in-house, indicate the number of copies and the actual cost per page.

MWhat is an excess voucher?

These are CJA 20 vouchers where the compensation amount exceeds the statutory maximum limitations, exclusive of expenses. The voucher must first be approved by the judge in this district and then forwarded to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for further approval.

Type of Charge	Statutory Maximum
Felonies (except federal capital prosecutions) for Appeal	\$5,200.00 \$3,700.00
Misdemeanor [including petty offenses (class B or C misdemeanors or infractions) as set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) of the Act]. for Appeal	\$1,500.00 \$3,700.00
Parole Violation for Appeal	\$1,200.00 \$3,900.00
Non-capital Post-Conviction Proceedings under sections 2241, 2254 or 2255 of title 18 US Code for Appeal	\$5,200.00 \$3,700.00
Other Representations (including <u>probation violation</u> , <u>supervised release hearing</u> for persons charged with a violation of supervised release or facing modification, reduction or enlargement of a condition or extension or revocation of a term of supervised release, <u>parole proceedings</u> under chapter 311 of title 18, USC, <u>material witness</u> in custody, <u>witness</u> , <u>international extradition</u> . for each level of Appeal	\$1,200.00 \$1,200.00

MWhat are the dollar limitations for expert services?

For CJA 21 vouchers that total:

Up to \$300	no prior approval required
\$300 to \$1,000	District Court Judge approval required
Over \$1,000	Ninth Circuit approval required

MIIf you have any further questions:

Please call the clerk's office and ask for the appropriate CJA case administrator assigned by case number.

Spokane Clerk's Office: (509) 353-2150

Yakima Clerk's Office: (509) 575-5838

(For CJA questions relating to Judge Shea's criminal cases)

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